

December 30, 2010

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Givens; Oper. Supt. Moss; Comm. Maynard; Lt. Angel; Scott Straw; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Lt. Angel stated he has no report, other than they will have extra patrol out tomorrow night, New Years Eve.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated Chief Waters is on vacation.

Supt. Givens stated in reference to the truck motor quotes they discussed at the last meeting, Board member Fuelling went to Ewings and got another quote on a Jasper rebuilt. He added the motor has a 3 year, 100,000 warranty and he feels it is a better deal.

Board member Fuelling stated the truck itself is in good shape and to spend \$1,000 more on the motor he feels is a good deal. He added they need to be sure they have the oil changed a little more often than normal as the truck does a lot of idling.

Supt. Givens agreed it is the best deal.

Supt. Moss agreed.

Board member Fuelling asked if they change their own oil ?

Supt. Moss replied yes.

Supt. Givens added he takes his truck to Expressway to have the oil changed, only because it is newer and he has had coupons.

Board member Fuelling asked if the St. Dept. changes the oil in their vehicles.

Comm. Maynard replied in the older vehicles yes, the newer ones they have someone else do it.

Board member Fuelling moved Board go with the Jasper rebuilt, to be installed by Ewings, at a cost of \$4,972.45. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions of Supt. Givens ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Board member Higgins stated she has heard many great things about the St. Dept. in how they have been getting the streets cleaned during the city's recent winter events. She added Mt. Vernon is even getting their trash picked up, many others have not been.

Comm. Maynard thanked her the compliment and added the police deserve credit as well, for letting the St. Dept know when the road are starting to get bad.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is action on the quotes for repair of the wall located at 108 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He added Bldg. Comm. Willis and Attorney Higgins have reviewed the quotes and feel the quote submitted by Charles Lawrence Homes was the lowest responsive quoter.

Board member Fuelling moved the Board accept the quote of Charles Lawrence Homes for \$6,280.00, as it met specifications and was the low quote, per Bldg. Comm. Willis and Attorney Higgins.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Higgins asked if there was a time frame to have the work done ?

Mayor Tucker replied yes. He then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will table any action on the 2011 supply bids, as they have had no communication from Attorney Higgins yet on the legality of the bids.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Scott Straw approached and stated he lives on West Ridge Drive and would like to request a credit on his sewer bill due to irrigating his lawn for a two month period. He added due to the dry conditions this summer he had to re-seed his yard and he has figured an approximate credit of \$119.00.

Supt. Givens asked what months ?

Mr. Straw replied October and November. He added very little water went down into the sewer system.

Mayor Tucker stated he has never had a request like this before, though the city does have two ordinances in place to address adjustment for water and sewer bills, the case of leaks, breaks, etc. He then stated from May to September the utility does implement a summer rate at a discount for folks to water lawns, wash cars, fill pools, etc. He then stated this request is just something different and he is not sure how to handle it.

Board member Fuelling asked if the sewer rate was based on water usage ?

Mayor Tucker replied yes and added that is why the water rates are adjusted in the summer.

Mr. Straw again stated he is requesting the adjustment due to seeding his yard.

Board member Higgins asked if the Board could adjust the bill to the summer rate ?

Mayor Tucker replied he is not sure, this is new to him.

Supt. Givens replied it is new for him as well.

Mayor Tucker stated he feels they need to check with Attorney Higgins and be very careful, if there is nothing in writing.

Mr. Straw stated fall is when most people plant grass seed and wondered about the "summer rates" being in the fall instead.

Board member Fuelling agreed.

Mayor Tucker added Mr. Straw's bill is very consistent.

Board member Fuelling added they really need to have Attorney Higgins look into this.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added they also need to be sure State Board of Accounts is satisfied.

Supt. Givens agreed that State Board does look at that kind of thing. He then stated he will get back with Mr. Straw when they make a decision.

Any action was tabled for now.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Board member Fuelling stated the silos are being worked on again.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer